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1. Medical students are required to spend two months in military training upon completion of their second year at the Sofia and the Plovdiv academies. The camp is organized on a strict military pattern, and students are formed into a regiment which is subdivided into battalions and companies. The training includes square drill, small arms drill and military tactics. Students live in tents, and the administration is housed in buildings.
2. Upon completion of their medical education, students attend a two-month course in military medical training. Emphasis is placed upon theoretical training based on the structure of military medical services in war.
3. At the end of military studies and final examinations the graduates receive army booklets from the District Recruiting Office. These booklets are pink in contrast to the red booklets of other reserve officers. The first page includes the bearer's rank and name. The graduates usually receive one of the three ranks of lieutenant and are called up once yearly for service.
4. Medical students are not taught any methods of anti-germ warfare. They are told that the Soviets have developed highly effective methods which will be made available in times of emergency.
5. When a soldier is recruited, his blood group is determined and listed in a special medical document (Meditsinski Karton) which consists of a single sheet of soft cardboard. The bearer must always carry this document, presumably inside the army booklet (Voenna Knishka).
6. A regimental physician carries a supply of tablets for the chlorination of drinking water. When water is suspected to be polluted, and in all cases of an advance into enemy territory, these tablets are issued to the soldiers.

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7. Company medical orderlies carry bottles of anti-gas liquid. The liquid is a pale lime green in color and smells of chlorine. It is applied to the areas of skin which were exposed to poison gases. The liquid is of Soviet origin.

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